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REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

During the twelve months from Dec. 1, 1878, to Nov. 30, 1879, 2778 additions have been made to the library. These have included 513 volumes, 2250 pamphlets, and 15 maps; 2099 were octavos, 557 quartos, 57 duodecimos, and 50 folios.

They were derived from the following sources:—

Societies	1172	Trustees of New York State	
I. V. Williamson Fund	529	Museum and Library	3
Editors	494	Geological Survey of Canada	3
Authors	222	Hydrographic Office	2
Wilson Fund	90	Government of New South	
Dr. F. V. Hayden	65	Wales	2
Isaac Lea	31	Geological Survey of Portugal	1
Department of the Interior	16	British Government	1
T. R. Peale	16	Surgeon-General, U. S. A.	1
Publishers	12	British Museum	1
Department of Agriculture	11	Navy Department	1
Geological Survey of India	10	Argentine Centennial Commis-	
Edward Stroud	9	sion	1
J. H. Redfield	8	Dr. Wm. H. Jones	1
Smithsonian Institution	8	W. K. Brooks	1
War Department	6	Alexander Agassiz	1
East Indian Government	6	Mrs. Charles Pickering	1
Geological Survey of Sweden	6	John Jay Knox	1
Lieut. C. A. H. McCauley	5	Henry Vendryes	1
Department of Agriculture,		Mariano Barcena	1
North Carolina	4	Alfred Gray	1
Engineer Department, U. S. A.	4	Charles F. Parker	1
Geological Survey of Pennsyl-		H. W. Lowgate	1
vania	3	John Collett	1

In addition to these, 19 volumes were received in exchange for duplicate books. They were distributed to the different departments of the library as follows:—

Journals	1997	Physical Science	18
Geology	197	Anthropology	16
General Natural History	92	Bibliography	16
Botany	84	Mineralogy	13
Conchology	74	Mammalogy	7
Anatomy and Physiology	55	Chemistry	7
Entomology	43	Encyclopedias	6
Voyages and Travels	37	Literature	4
History and Biography	34	Medicine	3
Ornithology	24	Herpetology	3
Agriculture	23	Mathematics	2
Helminthology	21	Ichthyology	2

During the year the card catalogue of the department of anatomy and physiology has been completed, the titles of 669 pamph-

lets having been added to the entries made last year. The catalogues of the books on helminthology, ichthyology, and herpetology have also been finished, leaving only those on anthropology and mineralogy to be yet entered. In addition to the books catalogued, there are in the library a large number of literary, artistic, and historical works to which I have before called attention for the purpose of recommending that they be sold, and the funds applied to the purchase of books more specially useful to the society. In the hope that this disposition may be made of these works, it is not the intention at present to extend the card entries to these departments, so that the catalogue will probably be completed early next year.

Constant effort has been made to complete, as far as possible, the sets of periodicals in the library, and to add those not yet in the possession of the Academy. This work will be materially forwarded by the issue of Mr. Scudder's invaluable Catalogue of Scientific Serials, which furnishes a means not before at hand of determining our deficiencies.

For the amounts expended on the purchase of books reference is made to the report of the Treasurer. The accompanying list of additions made during the year indicates, as heretofore, that for the most valuable items, apart from our exchanges, we are dependent upon the I. V. Williamson Fund.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

EDW. J. NOLAN,

Librarian.

REPORT OF THE CURATORS.

The Curators report that during the year all the various collections of the Museum have been carefully inspected and cared for, and that they are all in good condition. A violent storm, which caused considerable destruction of glass and flooding of rain, wetted some parts of the collections, but the objects were speedily dried, so that little serious damage resulted, except the loss of several specimens of echinoderms. Mr. J. A. Ryder has been continuously engaged in identifying, arranging, and labeling the collection of fishes. There have been identified upwards of 700 species of 325 genera. The Bonaparte collection of fishes, considering the time it has been preserved, is in excellent condition.